

Appl. No. 10/559,641

Response to Office Action mailed August 15, 2007

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to return a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A mailed on December 16, 2005 and the Form PTO/SB/08A filed on December 2, 2005, and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1 to 4, 9 to 18, 20 and 21, drawn to a surface treated steel sheet having an epoxy containing a top coating, wherein the epoxy is polyalkyleneglycol-modified; and

Group II. Claims 5 to 8 and 19, drawn to a surface treated steel sheet having an epoxy containing a top coating, wherein the epoxy is blended with polyurethane.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 4, 9 to 18 and 20 and 21).

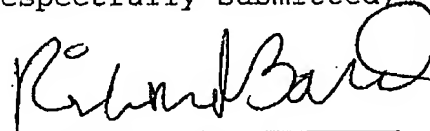
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Applicants reserve their right to file a Divisional application under 35 USC 121 directed to the non-elected claims.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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